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In Re U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicant: CURIE *et al.*

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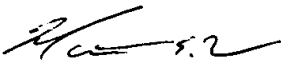
For: **Transparent Multilayer
Polypropylene Container
with Barrier Protection**

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Examiner: R. Dye

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application filed herewith. A copy of each reference cited is enclosed herein.

Applicants submit that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted to disclose references cited in a communication received in a copending foreign application and is being submitted under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 (e)(1). The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to

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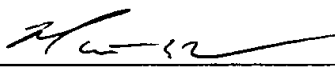
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

Applicants believe that no fee is required. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-0206.

Respectfully submitted,



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